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1. The infantry barracks is at the southern edge of Dupnitsa, near the two-lane Dupnitsa-Sveti Vrach road, 700 m from the Dupnitsa railroad station. It consists of a one-story guardhouse; a two-story staff and office building, three two-story quarters, a depot building and a large stable. It can take 1,000 men.
2. It is occupied by the 22nd Rifle Regiment headquarters and part of the regiment. The regimental troops include: Lt. Col. /fnu/ Susuloff, commander of the regiment, a former officer of the royal army, with a staff of 25; the quartermaster administration, 22 men; medical platoon, 8 men; telephone central, 8 men; transport company, 30 men; a machine pistol reconnaissance company of four platoons with three squads each, 95 to 100 men all told, with three light Degtyarev machine guns and 90 Degtyarev machine pistols; a heavy machine gun company of four platoons with three squads each, 90 to 100 men, with 12 Soviet Maxim heavy machine guns; a mortar company of two platoons with two squads each, 85 to 90 men and still incomplete, with four 50 mm mortars; an AT company of four platoons with two squads each, 90 to 95 men and eight 45 mm AT guns; a communications company of three platoons with three squads each, 85 to 90 men, mainly armed with rifles.
3. At the barracks is the 1st Battalion, commanded by Capt. /fnu/ Dordoff, 42 years old, a former partisan. It has a staff, 52 to 54 men; 1st Company of three platoons with three squads each, 95 to 105 men, with nine light machine guns; 2nd Company, commanded by Lt. /fnu/ Koronsky; 3rd Company commanded by Lt /fnu/ Kristoff numbers and armament like the 1st Company.

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4. The regiment is not motorized. It has only four old German trucks, three motor-cycles and two Skoda passenger cars.
5. In Oct 1952 and 1953 the regiment received 300 to 350 recruits. They were not allowed to leave the barracks before the new year. Near the barracks is an exercise area to which the men marched daily. Firing exercises with live ammunition were very seldom held, and there were few alarms.
6. At the same barracks there was held during the summer and fall an AT training school in which formations from several rifle regiments participated. The training personnel was 30 to 35 men, and the number of trainees was 300 to 320. Courses included maintenance of AT guns, rocket AT weapons, and close-in AT work with grenades.

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